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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH OPERATIONS
IN THE CARIACO TRENCH

1. US EMBASSY (DEFENSE ATTACHE) HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS DATED 180032Z MAR 78 REGARDING PROPOSED
RESEARCH CRUISE OF USNS BARTLETT IN CARIACO TRENCH
APRIL 14-30, 1978. MESSAGE INDICATES THAT BECAUSE PLANNED
OPERATING AREAS ARE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND NO ACTIVITIES
WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE SEA BED, A DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE IS
NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

2. PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT GOV DOES CONSIDER WATERS
BETWEEN VENEZUELAN ISLAND CHAIN AND MAINLAND TO BE TERRITORIAL
WATERS OR WATERS OF INFLUENCE AND INTEREST AND WILL NOT
PERMIT FOREIGN RESEARCH SHIPS TO OPERATE IN THIS AREA
WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION. THE PROPOSED RESEARCH WOULD BE CONDUCTED
WITHIN THIS AREA.

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3. IN VIEW OF THIS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION THE EMBASSY HAS NOT
ADVISED THE GOV OF THE BARTLETT'S PROPOSED RESEARCH PROGRAM
AND HAS NOT INVITED PARTICIPATION BY VENEZUELAN SCIENTISTS AS
REQUESTED IN INCOMING MESSAGE, ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT SUCH AN
OFFER WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE LOCAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. BECAUSE
OF THE LONG LEAD TIME NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR GOV RESEARCH VESSEL

CLEARANCE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE
FOR THE BARTLETT BY APRIL 14.

4. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH APPROPRIATE US NAVY
OFFICES AND ADVISE EMBASSY RE FURTHER ACTION.
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